

Funding

The Legislature created the Corrections Training Fund (CTF), which derives its revenues from court fines and penalty assessments, to provide financial assistance to counties and cities in meeting statewide selection and training standards for local corrections. The financial condition of the CTF, one of eight special funds that comprise the State Penalty Fund, directly impacts the amount of local assistance money available.

Figure 13 shows that the CTF declined from its peak of \$14.5 million in FY 1989/90 to \$10.3 million in FY 1997/98, a drop of approximately 29 percent. During this same period, the number of local corrections personnel to be trained increased about 20 percent. The combined effect of declining funds and increasing staff resulted in CTF funds offsetting only 28 percent of local training costs.

STC uses a per capita funding mechanism to ensure that available funds are fairly and equitably distributed to local agencies. Declining CTF revenues resulted in a significant reduction in per capita funding available to local corrections agencies during fiscal years 1996/97 and 1997/98. Appendix I lists training funds allocated to counties during this period; Appendix J provides the same information for cities.

The 1998/99 Budget Act includes a \$6.5 million continuing augmentation to the CTF. As a result of this infusion of funds, the BOC anticipates that per capita local assistance levels will be restored to the 1989/90 level, covering as much as 50 percent of actual training costs incurred by local agencies.

Figure 13

CORRECTIONS TRAINING FUND



